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EDITOR'S CORNER

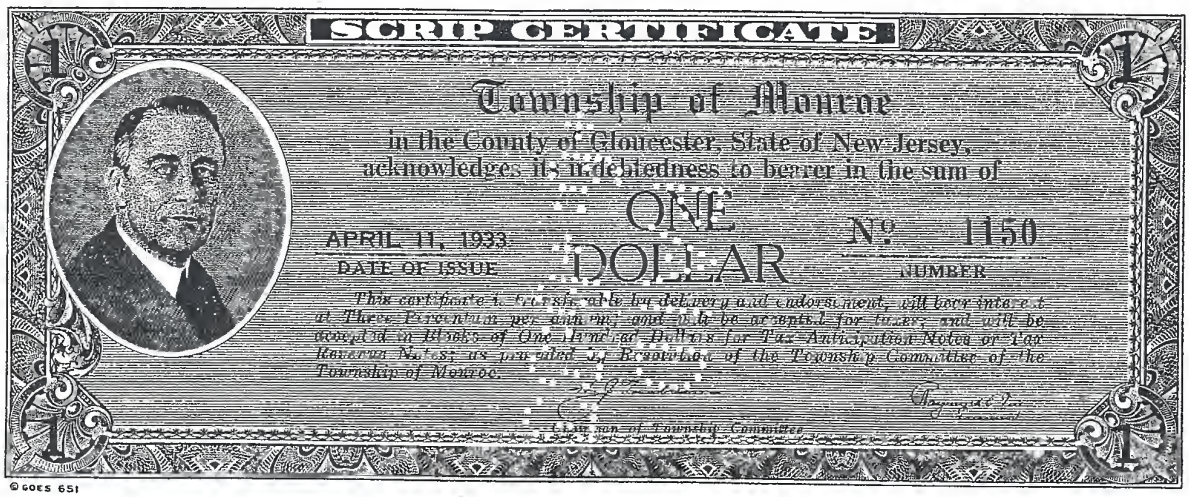
Mailings of Jerseyana to Damia Francis and Dr. Brian Altman have been returned by the Post office, marked *"Not Able To Forward"*. If you know their present address, please forward it to me.

I urge you all to attend our Annual Meeting at the G.S.N.A. Convention in May. Some very important issues and proposals concerning the future of N.J.S. will be addressed. **Meeting will be on Saturday, May 17th, the time will be announced at the show.**

Al Zaika

SOME UNLISTED NEW JERSEY DEPRESSION SCRIP

David D. Gladfelter, NLG



The scarce Monroe Township $1 depression scrip certificate with Roosevelt's portrait
The Mitchell & Shafer plate specimen, NJ705-1.b. (shown .78x)

Remember when Nova Caesarea "horse head" coppers could be bought for $7.50 each and Civil War tokens cost "2 times rarity"? The former is what I spent for a Maris 48-g in the 1950s and the latter was Ben Odesser's CWT price structure in the 1960s. What kind of exonumia can you get for such prices today?

One such kind is depression scrip, issued by municipalities, boards of education, county governments and private entities to serve as emergency currency during the financial crisis of the Great Depression. Banks had failed, unemployment rose and governments could not collect taxes. The New Jersey Legislature authorized local governments to pass resolutions approving issuance of interest-bearing scrip for use in payment of their obligations. The scrip was made redeemable at a future date, and was accepted in payment of taxes. Some governments canceled the scrip upon redemption and saved it, later to be put on the numismatic market when no longer needed for public purposes. Some of the scrip was printed in quantities larger than needed, so that unissued remainders survived to become available to collectors. Most New Jersey depression scrip issues are plentiful and cheap, but even the scarce issues can be had inexpensively because depression scrip has not yet caught on as a popular field of collecting.

One reason is that publication of reference works on New Jersey depression scrip has been relatively recent. New Jersey was bypassed by Kappen and Mitchell's partly completed 1961 catalog, Depression Scrip of the United States, which only covered states alphabetically from

Alabama through Iowa. The first listing of New Jersey's "paper money of the Great Depression" appeared as one chapter in George W. Wait's 1976 book, New Jersey's Money, Wait described 97 different issues (174 different specimens) from 47 different counties and towns, including two printers' samples and eight private issues. This listing was expanded to 147 different issues from 53 issuing entities in Mitchell and Shafer's Standard Catalog of Depression Scrip of the United States (including Canada and Mexico) published in 1988.

These reference works are far from complete, which adds to the interest in depression scrip collecting. New finds are being reported as collecting interest develops. Hoards of previously unknown issues are coming to light as tax collectors of municipalities such as the City of Long Branch empty out their storage files.

A few of these unlisted issues are described herein, with "unofficial" catalog numbers assigned in quotation marks to fit into the Mitchell and Shafer numbering system.

"NJ138" County of Atlantic, February 1, 1934 issue.

Specimens are known in 2 denominations, $1.00 gray-green and $5.00 brown. Old design as on the April 1, 1933 issue, NJ120 (plated). The former has serial letter G and the latter H. Redemption date is December 31, 1938.

"NJ143" County of Atlantic, November 15, 1934 issue.

$1.00 gray. New design as on the October 5, 1933 issue, NJ132 (plated). Serial letter G. Redemption date is December 31, 1938.

"NJ294" County of Cape May, July 15, 1936 issue.

$1.00 blue-gray. Design similar to that on the undated Albert Hand Company issue, NJ290 (plated), with addition of red serial number and date of issue. With imprint of Albert Hand Company. Serial letters NA, the former indicating the 14th issue and the latter the $1.00 denomination. Redemption date "to be fixed by the Board of Chosen Freeholders".

"NJ551" Borough of Lodi, later reproductions of 1936 tax anticipation notes.

Frame colors are $5.00 bright green, $10.00 light brown, $15.00 bright blue, $25.00 carmine rose and $50.00 light gray. These reproductions are very difficult to distinguish from the NJ550 "originals" without side by side comparison, but the color shades are definitely different. What gives them away as reproductions are the titles "Borough Clerk" and "Mayor" under the signatures of these officials appearing as part of the color frame, rather than the black central design as on originals. The repros also have irregularities on the bottom or top inner borders, blotches on some of the black lettering and signatures, and look "mushier" than the originals. The occasion for creating reproductions of what are commonly available items is presently unknown (possibly as a souvenir of a local event such as a centennial?), as is the date they were made. Stay tuned to your Jerseyana station.

"NJ847" City of Pleasantville, October 15, 1934 issue.

25¢ purple. Same design as on the April 1, 1933 issue, NJ840 (plated). Suffix letter K indicating the 11th issue. Redemption date not specified.

"NJ862" City of Pleasantville, December 15, 1936 issue.

$1.00 green. Same design as on the April 1, 1936 issue, NJ860 (plated). Suffix letter Y indicating the 25th issue. Redemption date not specified. The Pleasantville scrip is available in quantity although mostly as unissued remainders. Many new issues remain to be found!

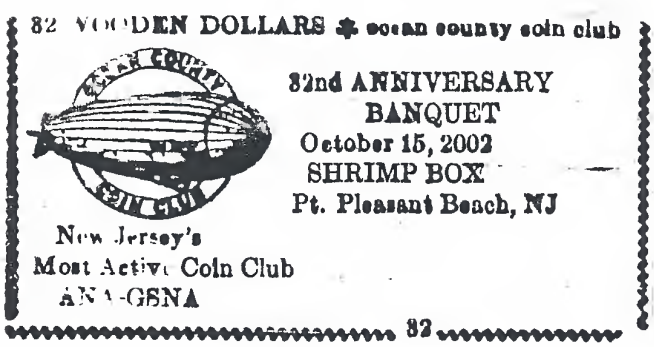
"NJ933" "City of Ventnor City" [sic], May 15, 1935 issue.

$1.00 olive green on gray security paper watermarked PROTOD-GREENBAC, stamped "Sample—Not Valid". With imprint PAT'D-TODD-ROCHESTER, N.Y. Same design as on the March 15, 1934 issue, NJ925 (plated). Redemption date "to be fixed by the Common Council".

"NJ987" Borough of Westville, November 1, 1933 issue.

$1.00 green. Same design as on the September 1, 1933 issue, NJ985 (plated). Serial letter A indicating $1.00 denomination; apparently this new issue continued with serial numbers starting where the earlier numbers left off. Redemption date "to be fixed by the Borough Council".

All of the foregoing issues were found in the ordinary course of collecting depression scrip and without paying a premium for them. The possibility of making new finds should serve to challenge us to collect this type of exonumia and to report new finds as made. As in numismatics generally, it pays to know all you can about your field of collecting, and to keep your eyes open for discoveries!



The O.C.C.C. wooden dollars are available from;
Jim Majoros, 65-16th St., Toms River, NJ 08753.
Prices are $1.00 each or 3 for $2.00 and a SASE.

The N.J.E.S would like to have the membership's input or ideas on publishing a catalog of NJ Encased Cents. Gary Patterson, gptokens@worldnet.att.net would do the cataloging for the club. Please let your officers know your feelings about this proposal. Gary Patterson, 10-4th St., Manchester, NJ 08759.

A Celebrity Among Us

Palace Station Hotel and Casino, in Los Vegas, Nevada, recently issued a set of chips honoring eight individuals for their contributions to the hobby of chip collecting. Among those honored was Archie Black, whose chip is shown below. **CONGRATULATIONS ARCHIE!**

In Memoriam

I am sorry to report that George Skic's mother passed away recently. Her death was attributed to complication of a hip injury. Our deepest sympathy and prayers go out to George and his family upon this grievous loss. May the Lord grant her Eternal Peace.

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NEW JERSEY EXONUMIA SOCIETY - MEMBERSHIP REPORT
APRIL, 2003

There are still only 28 !!! paid up regular members. We also have 38 life members on the NJES rolls as of the end of March, 2003. Thirteen members have not renewed yet for 2003. Please send Al Zaika your 2003 dues as soon as possible. Your label should read "03" if you are paid up.

Two new members are Joe Steger from Akron, Ohio, who collects "cud" and arcade tokens, and Richard Anderson from Secaucus, NJ, who collects tokens and paper from NJ, CO and NM. Welcome!

Thanks.

Sincerely,

Steve Middleton

Please renew for NJES membership in 2003. Send your $ 6.00 per year dues, payable to NJES, to:

Al Zaika, PO Box 65, Bellmawr, NJ 08099.

A special open meeting of the NJES was held at President George Skic's house on March 23, 2003. Three of the officers and three or four additional members attended. The meeting very productive, and hopefully this letter will keep the membership abreast of the general proceedings. Sadly, George's lost his mother several days after the meeting. Our thoughts are with George and his family.

Several issues were discussed at the meeting by the half dozen plus members in attendance. First and foremost, the New Jersey Exonumia Society WILL continue, hopefully stronger than ever. We would like to expand the Jerseyana to a few more pages, but for that will need some help from the membership. There must be SOMETHING on which you could write up a brief article on, any token, medal or other New Jersey exonumia! Fancy photographs are not necessary, just a decent photocopy would be fine. Send them directly to Al Zaika.

Another issue raised was the stagnant cost of NJES dues, which have been $ 6.00 for many years. Find an old Jerseyana and look at the postage required back then! A VERY modest increase in dues to help cover rising postage and printing costs is coming soon. The NJES auction was also revived, with an article requesting items appearing elsewhere in this issue. A few other surprises lay in store that the officers and a few others are working on, with details to follow.

The Annual Garden State Numismatic Association Convention in Somerset will be the site of our annual NJES meeting on Saturday, May 17th, at 11:00 am. A favorite long-time fixture of the Convention, the New Jersey Token and Medal Show, will again be returning. See the GSNA flyer elsewhere in this issue for more information about the Show.

See you at the convention.

Steve Middleton
NJES Vice-President

NEW JERSEY SERVICE MEDAL

The medal pictured above is apparently one awarded to a New Jersey State employee, or perhaps elected official or volunteer? It was found in a small collection of mostly bullion coins in Morris County.

The obverse features a modified New Jersey State Seal in what appears to be gold overlay. The Pierre Eugene du Simitiere design was first used in 1777, and has changed little since. The main features of the New Jersey Seal are the figures of Liberty and Ceres, flanking a shield with three plows. Above the shield is a front-facing helmet, signifying sovereignty. At the very top is the familiar left-facing horse head. On a ribbon below is the motto "LIBERTY AND / PROSPERITY" with "1776" a bit lower. The major modification on this medal is the replacement of the plows with an enameled outline of the state. There is a raised frosted wreath surrounding the mirror fields.

On the reverse is the inscription "IN / APPRECIATION /OF SERVICE TO / THE STATE OF / NEW JERSEY". That inscription is inscribed within a simple wreath, surrounding the mirror fields. It certainly has the look and feel of silver. The size is 44mm, it weighs 41 grams, and the edge is plain. The medal comes in a blue velvet box, with a gold-stamped NJ State Seal on the white satin inner box lid.

I know little else about the medal. My guess would be that it dates from the 1960's or Seventies, just based on similar pieces from that era.

Steve Middleton

GSNA Convention
May 15-17, 2003

Somerset, NJ — 28th Anniversary Show!

SHOW HOURS

Thur. 1 PM - 7 PM
Fri. 10 AM - 7 PM
Sat. 10 AM - 4 PM

DIRECTIONS

Route 287 to Exit 10
Take Route 527 North.
Turn left on Davidson Ave.
The Ukrainian Cultural Center
is on the right.

Get the latest GSNA Convention and club information at
WWW.GSNA.ORG

May 12—14
Coin Grading and Counterfeit Detection Seminar
For details go to www.GSNA.org
Or write to P O Box 526
Oldwick, NJ 08858

Auction Friday at 6 PM
By New World Rarities
Call 800-431-1018 for information.

DEALER INFORMATION
Dealer set up 9 AM - 1 PM Thur. May 15
Early admission badge good
for all 3 days is **$25.**

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Free Admission for Members!

NJ Token & Medal Show

Books and Supplies

Exhibits

Free Appraisals

Buy, Sell, and Trade Coins , Currency, Tokens, & Medals

C4, EAC, & NJES Meetings Saturday

YN Program Sat. 10 AM

TIME OF NJES MEETING WILL BE ANNOUNCED AT THE SHOW.

Wanted: Items related to the old Jersey City Stadium, (AKA) Roosevelt Stadium, and Roosevelt Stadium in North Bergen/Union City, NJ. George Dorsey, 168 E. Spring Valley Ave., Maywood, NJ 07107

Wanted: Bimetallic tokens from any state, NJ tokens, Lords Prayer medals, (13-19mm), Sofspra car wash tokens and Salada Tea baseball coins. (1962). Rocco DiGiacomo, 42 Sunset Dr., Mt. Holly, NJ 08060-1915.

Wanted: Encased cents and other coins, engraved coins, pop-outs, scenic love tokens, hobo nickels, potty dollars, just about anything made from coins. Send for my offer or call me at 407-352-7807. Bob Slawsky, PO Box 864, Windermere, FL 34786.

Obsolete or Broken Banknotes: From all counties in New Jersey, as well as Merchant Scrip, wanted for collection. Send photocopy or description. (Weit or Hexby #) to Tom O'Mara, 55 Rumson Road, Rumson, NJ 07760.

Dog License Tags: If you do not read ***PAW PRINTS***, you do not know dog license tags. Complimentary copy on request. Bill Bone, Editor, 928 S.R. 2206, Clinton, KY 42031.

Ocean County: Collecting and Researching all Ocean County obsolete and broken banknotes and merchant scrip. Want anything from Toms River 1850 to 1960, also notes issued in Bricksburg 1840's, Manchester 1840's....BUY - SELL - TRADE. Bob Mitchell, 2775 S.E. Eagle Dr., Port St. Lucie, FL 34984-8919.

Hard Rock Café Pins Wanted. Will trade my Jersey Tokens & Medals and/or Playboy roulette chips for Hard Rock... Archie Black, PO Box 63, Brick, NJ 08723.

Wanted: Tickets, Transfers, Photographs, and any other items related to streetcars or busses in Scranton, Pa. Charles Wrobleski, 206 Green Street, Clarks Green, PA 18411.

Wanted: Both BPOE and IBPOEW tokens and medals. Write first describing and pricing your items. J.M. Boswell, PO Box 428, Gambrills, MD 21054.

Wanted: Edison collector seeks Thomas Edison memorabilia, esp. medals, tokens, and souvenirs. Please write with full description and price. Also interested in first and second-hand accounts of Mr. Edison and his legend. George Skic E-Mail: mercerhill@peoplepc.com.

Wanted: Large 73mm Lucky Souvenir penny (Indian Head) with swastikas in the headband. E-mail gptokens @worldnet.att.net or write Gary Patterson, 10-4th St. Manchester, NJ 08759.

Wanted: New Jersey mining tokens and other exonumia related to mining activities in NJ, especially NJ Zinc Co. Please send a description of what you have. Frank Steimle, PO Box 465, Allenhurst, NJ 07711.

For Sale: Old copy of a 1932 Campbell Soup Tomato Contract, along with 3 different picker tickets, from the John Gallagher farm in Mt. Laurel. The farm fell to development in the 1970's. The contract measure approximately 10"x23" $10.00 folded, $12.50 rolled. Dennis P. Helmer, 112 Carlton Avenue, Westmont, NJ 08108.

PA Token & Medal Meeting: On the first Saturday of each month from Sept. through Dec. there will be a token trading meeting of the Bucks County TAMS at the Bensalem Library in Hulmeville, PA, just across the river from Burlington. For directions e-mail rdschopp@aol.com or write me at Bob Schopp, 16 Sanbert Circle, Hamilton Square, NJ 08690-2510.

Wanted: If your WW-I service medals are not in your collection, mail them to me for my highest prices. Lou Small, Box 19262, Jacksonville, FL 32245.

For Sale: Trenton Transit Co., Dec. 1943 weekly pass, with "Boston Tea party" depicted, $2.00 and SASE. Al Zaika, PO Box 65. Bellmawr, NJ 08099-0065.

All kinds of tokens for sale or trade, send your want lists. Wanted; arcade, Minneapolis pinball token and "cuds" on modern U.S. coins. Joe Steger, 585 Diagonal Rd., Apt #106, Akron, Ohio 44320-3071.

For Sale or Trade: County of Atlantic Depression Scrip sets, nice issued canceled specimens. 13 different, all three types, 2 unlisted issue dates (1 set only) $95, 11 different, including the 2 unlisted issue dates (3 sets) $75 each. Individual notes, $6 each; dealer discounts on individual notes. David Gladfelter, 228 Winding Way, Moorestown, NJ 08057.

Free updated amusement token listing via e-mail for NJ, NY, PA, VA, DE, and WV or burned onto a CD-ROM in Microsoft Word format for $5 postpaid. E-mail RDSchopp@aol.com or write to Bob Schopp, 16 Sanbert Circle, Hamilton Square, NJ 08690-2510.

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NEW JERSEY EXONUMIA SOCIETY - MAIL/EMAIL AUCTION
MAY, 2003

The NJES recently held an open membership meeting at President George Skic's house. One of the suggestions brought up was to resurrect the donation Mail Bid Sales that used to appear in The Jerseyana. The Sales will begin in the next issue, with a closing date ten days after the postmark, and email bids will also be accepted. Proceeds will go into the treasury.

Please send donated exonumia items to me at the above address, and a list will be prepared prior to the next isssue, with a compiled listing of donor's names.

Thanks.

Steve Middleton

WANTED:

Tokens, medals, mirror cards,
paper scrip, etc.
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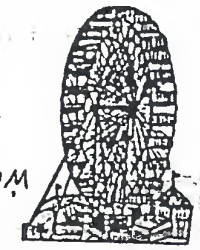

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